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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

The declaration filed April 8, 2004 has been acknowledged.

Foreign Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in the Europe Union on February 11, 2003. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the European application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Objection to the Disclosure

37 CFR 1.163

The following is a quotation of section (a) of 37 CFR 1.163:

(a) The specification must contain as full and complete a disclosure as possible of the plant and the characteristics thereof that distinguish the same over related known varieties, and its antecedents, and must particularly point out where and in what manner the variety of plant has been asexually reproduced. In the case of a newly found plant, the specification must particularly point out the location and character of the area where the plant was discovered.

35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

In plant application filed under 35 U.S.C. 161, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112 are limited.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

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As specific to United States Plant Patent applications, the specifics of 37 CFR 1.164

(reproduced below) are controlling:

The claim shall be in formal terms to the new and distinct variety of the specified plant as described and illustrated, and may also recite the principal distinguishing characteristics. More than one claim is not permitted.

In plant applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 161, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. are limited. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 162:

No plant patent shall be declared invalid for noncompliance with section 112 of this title if the description is as complete as is reasonably possible. The claim in the specification shall be in formal terms to the plant shown and described.

The disclosure is objected to under 37 CFR 1.163(a) because the specification presents less than a full and complete botanical description and the characteristics which distinguish over related known varieties.

More specifically:

- A. Page 1, line 10, Applicant states that cultivar Interniki is not patented in the U.S. however the U.S. Plant Patent No. 8,114 describes the cultivar Interniki. Clarification and correction is necessary.
- B. If the cultivar Interniki is U.S. Plant Patent No. 8,114 then clarification is needed on page 2, line 13, with regard to petal number as "15 to 25". U.S. Plant Patent No. 8,114 describes the petal number as "35 to 40" on col. 2, line 37.
- C. Page 2, lines 15-16, the recitation "classical cut flower configuration" is unclear. Clarification is necessary.

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- D. Applicant must set forth in the specification a brief description how the new variety is distinguished from related known cultivars.
- E. Applicant should set forth in the specification the color designation with reference to an employed color chart of the mature and immature thorns.
- F. Applicant should set forth in the specification the color designation with reference to an employed color chart of the stipules.
- G. Page 7, lines 11-14, Applicant describes the young foliage color designation as upper surface "137A" and lower surface as "147B and 147C" but Fig. 1 shows a reddish-purple coloration. Clarification and correction are necessary.
- H. Applicant should set forth in the specification the color designation with reference to an employed color chart of the mature foliage.
- I. Applicant should set forth in the specification the surface texture of the petiole/rachis.
- J. Applicant should set forth in the specification the peduncle's average diameter and color designation with reference to an employed color chart.
- K. Applicant should set forth in the specification the sepal's average size, surface texture and color designation with reference to an employed color chart.

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- L. Applicant should set forth in the specification a botanical description of the stem's surface texture and color designation with reference to an employed color chart (mature and immature stems).
- M. Page 9, lines 2-3, the recitation "medium pink tinted with green" is vague and does not sufficiently describe the color designation with reference to an employed color chart of the opened flower. Correction is necessary.
- N. Page 9, lines 5-6, the recitation "very double (as illustrated) with a large number of petals" is vague and does not quantitatively describe the average number of petal under normal condition.
- O. Applicant should set forth in the specification a botanical description of the petal's shape, average size (length and width), surface texture, margin type, apex and base shapes.
- P. Applicant should set forth in the specification the diameter of the fully opened flower.
- Q. Applicant should set forth in the specification the receptacle's average size.
- R. Applicant should set forth in the specification a botanical description of the stamen and pistil, such as number, length and color designation in the interest of providing as complete a botanical description of the plant as is reasonably possible.

The above listing may not be complete. Applicants should carefully compare the claimed plant with the botanical descriptions set forth in the specification to ensure

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completeness and accuracy and to distinguish the plant within this expanding market class.

Any further botanical information should be imported into the specification, as should any additional or corrected information relative to same.

Claim Rejection

35 USC § 112, 1st and 2nd Paragraphs

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs as not being supported by a clear and complete botanical description of the plant for reasons set forth in the Objection to the Disclosure Section above.

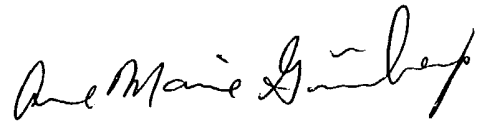
Future Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to June Hwu whose telephone number is (571) 272-0977. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell, can be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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